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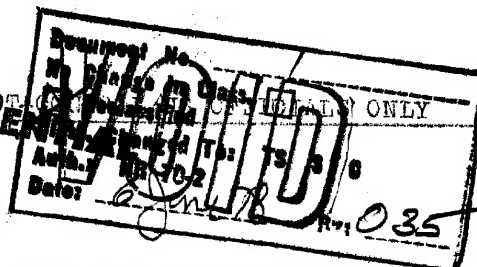
EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 18 October 1949REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Fifty-eight Pe-2s were parked in two rows in front of the hangars of the WERNEUCHEN (N 52/W 06) airfield. Some of the aircraft had sub-divided cabins, others had continuous cabin roofs. The following observations were made regarding the latter of these two models. Two oval plexiglass panes, about 15 x 20 inches, were fitted on both sides of the craft, about mid-fuselage. There was a rectangular opening, 6 x 16 inches, on the under side of the fuselage, which, on some of the planes, had what seemed to be the barrel of a gun.
2. There was flying with both versions of the Pe-2 planes in hazy weather from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some planes practiced high-altitude flying but take offs in formations of up to five aircraft were chiefly observed. The aircraft flew north and landed again after 30 to 40 minutes. Detonations were heard while the aircraft were away, they probably practiced bomb release but no exterior bombs or bomb racks were observed on the plane. Some of the returned planes landed in staggered flight formation. A Pe-2 towing an air sleeve was also seen with the planes.
3. A fire truck, two tank trucks [REDACTED] 25X1D
25X1D [REDACTED] an ambulance, and two radio trucks with extended antennae were observed at the take-off point. The aircraft, some of which had yellow propeller hubs, refueled at the take-off point.
4. Two biplanes [REDACTED] 25X1D [REDACTED] took off about 10 a.m. landing again about 1 p.m. A single-engine high-wing monoplane similar to a "Storch", landed with them.
5. Five freight cars were standing on the spur track. Two of them were loaded with bombs of about 250 kg. The truck [REDACTED] 25X1D was employed for hauling bombs, each truckload consisting of 12 bombs.

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a. The number of aircraft counted in ~~BERNEUCHEN~~ is approximately the same as that reportedly observed there on 13 July 1949. It is therefore assumed that there has been no change in the occupation of the airfield and that two bomber regiments are still located in ~~BERNEUCHEN~~.

b. The two versions of the Pe-2 aircraft were also observed in ~~BERNEUCHEN~~ in March 1949. The plexiglass panes on the sides of the fuselage of one of the two versions presumably indicated machine gunner's stations. The motor vehicle numbers mentioned in the report were previously observed in ~~BERNEUCHEN~~. They support the assumption that there has been no change in the occupation of this airfield.

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